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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby discloses the following references regarding the above-identified patent application. Copies of the foreign documents are enclosed.

Patent References

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4,803,179

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Articles

- 1) English Translation of Abstract for Japanese Publication No. 02087675, March 28, 1990.

US 6,025,234, US 6,150,220, and DE 31 10 477 were cited in the National German Examination Procedure in a related German patent application number 101 31 917.7 filed on July 2, 2001.

US 4,868,136 and US 4,803,179 were cited in an International Preliminary Examination Report (English translation enclosed) in a related PCT patent application number PCT/EP02/07314 filed on July 2, 2002. A copy of the International Search Report for the related PCT patent application is also enclosed.

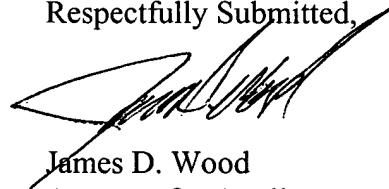
U.S. Patent No. 4,282,648 claims priority to DE 3110477.

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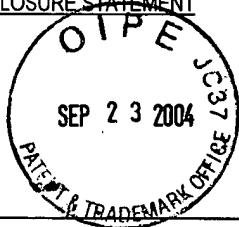
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